

# National Seniors Australia ~ Centenary Branch AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2021- Newsletter

## MESSAGE

Good morning members –

Exciting times today, AGM and another visit from Sarah Hutton to act as returning officer. Very much enjoyed her talk last month. It's good to know that our dinners and lunches out are all part of local governments plan to support the locals. You (anyone that wins, that is) will notice the raffle vouchers are part of that plan – buy local. Speaking of which fourteen of us enjoyed dinner at Icarus Greek through the month.

Not so local was our Christmas in July at Laidley – really well supported and thank you for inviting friends and neighbours to help fill the bus.

As we move into a new committee please continue to submit your recipes and personal profiles, and don't forget the Hugh Colebatch Garden Corner in October.

Barbara Young sends warmest wishes to all members.

Words of Wisdom: Anger doesn't solve anything, it builds nothing, but it can destroy everything.

Entertainment:- Boom Baby

**BIRTHDAYS:** Best wishes are extended to all our valued members celebrating birthdays during August/September . We hope you have a wonderful day.

MANY HAPPY RETURNS



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

COACH TRIP - TUESDAY – 21st September 2021. Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers. Leaving Jindalee Bowls Club at 8am.

As indicated at the last meeting all coach trips will be \$70 pp.

Expressions of Interest – M/Cup at Sherwood RSL names to Jenny today.

PLEASE NOTE; FULL PAYMENT FOR BUS TRIPS IS TO BE MADE AT THE MONTHLY MEETING BEFORE TRIP. NAME BADGES ARE COMPULSORY FOR ALL BUS TRIPS.

BRANCH REFUND POLICY FOR BUS TRIPS: The bus is booked the Thursday before we travel. For cancellations after this date, except for medical emergencies, money will not be refunded

NB: FINAL PAYMENT AT THIS MEETING FOR BUNDABERG TRIP. Leaving 5/9 7am returning 10/9 approx 5pm .

BANK DETAILS ARE:- BSB 084259, ACCOUNT 821660559 Centenary National Seniors.

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<b>STEADY STEPS /CHANGES TO ADDRESS/PH NOS</b>	<b>GEOFF HARVEY</b>	<b>3715 7874</b>
<b>HEART FOUNDATION WALKING MT OMMANEY</b>	<b>SEE DOREEN FLYNN</b>	
<b>MUSIC AT THE HUB</b>	<b>MARJORIE</b>	<b>3376 2030</b>

**CENTENARY NATIONAL SENIORS WEBPAGE : <https://national-seniors.com.au/get-involved/branches/centenary>**

**Do you know of any Centenary Seniors members who are unwell? Often we do not know of anyone who has been unwell or in hospital. If you know of any members please call Carol Uren on 0415 722 940.**

*Meetings are first Tuesday each month, February to October, except November (second Tuesday) at the Jindalee Bowls Club at 9.30am. Secretary: Cheryl Williams. P.O. Box 470 Mt Ommaney.*

## **PROFILE -**

**Morning Everyone My name is IWAN BIDIUCH**

**I am a son of parents, refugees from Ukraine. They were taken to Germany by force during the war, when they were 11 years old.**

**They emigrated to Australia at the end of the war. I have a sister born in Germany. I am lucky to be born here in Brisbane in 1950.**

**I have lived in Brisbane all of my life apart from 11 months I worked in New Zealand.**

**During my childhood we lived in multiple places in Brisbane area till we settled in Toowong where I started grade 2. I completed primary school and then attended Toowong High School where I completed Junior level, then went out into the workforce.**

**At 15. I entered into an apprenticeship as a Toolmaker. I was the last of the 5-year apprenticeships as the following year it was reduced to 4 years. I did my apprenticeship at Whitco Pty ltd in Sherwood, Brisbane. The company made window and door fittings for all housing and high-rise buildings**

**During my 16 years at Whitco Pty ltd I also went over to Auckland in New Zealand for 11 months to work in their branch over there. This also gave me a good opportunity to travel around the north island sightseeing on my weekends off.**

**The last 3 years back at Whitco in Brisbane I became a leading hand in the workshop which became a foreman`s position looking after 21 tradesmen and 9 apprentices.**

After leaving Whitco, I was self employed for a short while. I managed to get work at AMCOR for a mid-year shutdown lasting 3 weeks, during which I was offered a permanent position on the production line. This I accepted.

The company made aluminum cans and there were 3 shifts for 5 days a week. This worked out very good for me as my partner was working permanent night shift at Tricare, this meant that someone was home for the children when they go to school and come home.

When I meet my partner Hazel, she had 2 boys from her previous marriage. We have been together 46 years. During our time together we have taken the family over to Stowupland, Suffolk, England so the boys and I could meet Hazel's parents. Great holiday, first time for the boys to enjoy flying.

During that trip, Hazel and I went over to Paris for a couple of days going by train to Dover then by hovercraft to France, then Paris by train, a long day but plenty of scenery.

My work at Amcor had changed from 8 hour shifts to 12 hour shifts with the plant working 7 days a week. This meant it was a different style of rotating shifts. I enjoyed my work and I ended working there for 25 years, when I took a redundancy and retired at 58 years young. Both my parents passed away before they reached 70, this taught me that if the opportunity came, I should retire early. So, I retired.

Hazel and I have a lot of short breaks each year and trips overseas thanks to having some timeshare which we bought into. Many trips to England to see family and friends, Trips to Singapore, Thailand, Spain, France to see Hazel's brother, and boat cruises overseas

Also, for a few years we went camping with our camper trailer, mainly on the sunshine coast, especially Munna Point at Noosaville. Our youngest boy ended up with the camper.

After I retired, I also bought a 4.3 metre aluminum boat which I enjoyed fishing and crabbing

I now have been retired for 13 years and enjoying life. I have a lovely partner and I am looking forward to the coming years. Lots of outings, holidays, dinners.

Good luck everyone. Enjoy life. We live in a lucky country.

#### **RECIPE: WAR CAKE (FROM WWI DAYS) (courtesy Brenda Bennett)**

In large saucepan mix –

2 cups brown sugar; 2 cups hot water; 2 cups sultanas; 4 tab lard (use butter); 2 teas salt;  
2 teas cinnamon; 2 teas. cloves.

Boil 5 mins. Then cool. When room temperature add –

2 teas bicarb soda dissolved in 1 tab. Lukewarm water.

Then gradually add 3 cups flour.

Bake in muffin tins (400/200) or sheet tin (350/180).

## CALENDAR 2021

### SEPTEMBER 2021

Thursday 2nd	MahJong	9-12noon	The Hub	
Sunday 5-11th	Coach Trip – B/Berg	6.30am	JBC	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Steady Steps	9.15am	Cent.Uniting Church Hall	\$7
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	MahJong	9-12noon	The Hub	
Monday 13th	Steady Steps	9.15am	Cent.Uniting Church Hall	\$7
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	MahJong	9.30am –12noon	Monier Hotel	
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Lunch	12noon	Monier Hotel Darra	
Monday 20th	Steady Steps	9.15am	Cent.Uniting Church Hall	\$7
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Coach Trip	8.00am	Carnival of Flowers T/ba	\$70
Thursday 23rd	MahJong	9.30am– 12noon	Monier Hotel	
Monday 27th	Steady Steps	9.15am	Cent.Uniting Church Hall	\$7
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee & Conversation	10am	Mt Ommaney Food Court	
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Committee Meeting	1pm	Vice-President's home	

### OCTOBER 2021

Monday 4th	Steady Steps	9.15am	Cent.Uniting Church Hall	\$7
Tuesday 5th	General Meeting	9.30am	Jindalee Bowls Club	\$5
Thursday 7th	MahJong	9-12noon	The Hub	
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Steady Steps	9.15am	Cent.Uniting Church Hall	\$7
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Evening Dinner	6pm	TBA	
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	MahJong	9.30am-12noon	Monier Hotel	
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Steady Steps	9.15am	Cent.Uniting Church Hall	\$7
Thursday 21st	MahJong	9.30am –12noon	Monier Hotel	
Thursday 21st	Lunch	12noon	Monier Hotel Darra	
Monday 25th	Steady Steps	9.15am	Cent.Uniting Church Hall	\$7
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee & Conversation	10am	Mt Ommaney Food Court	
Tuesday 26th	Committee Meeting	1pm	Vice-President's home	
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	MahJong	9.30am – 12noon	Monier Hotel	